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## GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IS CELEBRATED

On Thursday evening of last week, December 15th, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Crompton celebrated the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary at the spacious Masonic lodge room in the presence of more than one hundred invited friends. This was beyond doubt the most important social event in the history of Clifton. Being the only golden anniversary ever celebrated here in thirty-five years, with the exception of but one private affair, and those who were fortunate enough to attend were free in their compliments to the host and hostess who are so hale, hearty and active after fifty years of wedded life.

The guests assembled at the hall at 8 o'clock anxious to become apprised of the program of the evening, as few if any of them had ever had an opportunity to attend an occasion of this kind in Clifton or elsewhere. The guests were seated in the midst of appropriate and artistic decorations and engaged in conversation until 8:30 when Mr. and Mrs. Crompton approached the station in the east and were received with loud applause. Rev. Jesse Crumpton, pastor of the local Methodist church, then performed the double ring marriage ceremony, uniting the happy couple for another voyage of married bliss. After the ceremony the guests assembled in single file and marched around the hall and individually showered congratulations upon the bride and groom. They were then seated at the tables where plates were laid for all. The bride and groom took seats at the head of the table on which rested the large and attractive wedding cake.

By special request of the bride, Mr. A. A. Anderson was prevailed upon to act as toastmaster. Mr. Anderson accepted and in taking the chair responded with a short talk covering the family history of Mr. and Mrs. Crompton in Clifton. While coffee and tea was being prepared Mr. Crompton told a story and related family history, after which Dr. and Mrs. David Thompson, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Collins on the piano, sang a solo, especially appropriate for the occasion. Short and interesting talks were made throughout the evening by Rev. Jesse Crumpton, Tom Smith, Mat Danenhauer, George Reitzler, J. G. Cooper, Dr. David Thompson, F. E. Ross, George Wagstaff and a recitation by Mrs. Wm. Pollock.

A bountiful wedding supper, including an abundance of appetizing cake, especially the wedding cake, was enjoyed by the guests, all of whom fully demonstrated their approval by the manner in which they satisfied their personal desires.

Mr. and Mrs. Crompton have been continuous residents of Clifton for thirty-five years, during which time they have always been active in church, lodge and community work. In total, leaders in any movement towards the uplift and betterment of the community. Mr. Crompton has been especially active in Masonic work and is a Past Grand Master of Arizona. For many years he was employed with the Arizona Copper Company in a responsible position, which position he resigned several years ago, retiring on account of an injury received in a railroad accident at Clifton.

Music was furnished throughout the evening by the Ballis orchestra, composed of Mr. E. M. Ballis, the Misses Frede and M. H. Haddad. The Era joins a multitude of friends and neighbors in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Crompton continued good health and many more years of happiness.

The following were among those who were present:

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reitzler, Mrs. Thomas Sidebottom, Mr. and Mrs. P. Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Jones, Roy and Mrs. Jesse Crumpton, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Christman, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pascoe, Mr. and Mrs. James Poole, Mr. and Mrs. John A. E. Schmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. John I. Widener. Dr. and Mrs. D. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McLeay, Matt Danenhauer, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wagstaff, Mrs. I. B. Kline, Mrs. Joe Condon, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cooper, Mrs. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. M. Reardon, Mrs. James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Horne, Miss Mollie Liles, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bryan, Mrs. Robert Russell, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Seifert, Mr. Edward Hall, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Anderson, Lawrence Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pollock, Thomas Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schade, Mr. and Mrs. Hannah Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robertson, Mrs. E. P. Niblock, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ross, Leslie Cutting, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mac Leay, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sturgeon, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Clifford, Mrs. J. R. Jones, Hester Condon, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McWilliam, Marian Roderick and Kenneth Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Martin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Collins, F. M. Ballis and Orchestra. From Morenci: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Lloyd, Mrs. Minnie Johnson.

## Grist Gathered at the Court House

Joseph R. Stewart, a juvenile offender of Duncan, was given a hearing before Judge Laine on Wednesday of this week, and was released to the custody of his father, W. S. Stewart. Young Stewart is alleged to have been implicated in the theft and butchering of an eight months old calf at Duncan, the property of Day and Foster.

### RECORDED INSTRUMENTS

**Warranty Deeds—**  
G. E. Head, et. ux. to Walter Phillips, et. al.  
S. W. Massey, et. ux. to E. H. Green.  
Phelps Dodge Corporation to Elizabeth Paddock.  
Elizabeth Paddock to E. E. Zimmermann.  
J. H. McCleskey to B. A. Wilson.  
**Proof of Labor—**  
On Merchant et. al. claims by George W. Williams, et. al.  
**Bills of Sale—**  
Henry S. Medina to Rafael S. Medina, et. al.  
T. H. Fulcher et. al. to Joe McAllister, Jr.  
**Chattel Mortgages—**  
Candelario Calderon, et. ux. to Phelps Dodge Corporation.  
J. H. Barber to P. A. Brenner.  
Rafael S. Medina et. al. to M. B. Emerson.  
R. O. Barnes to First National Bank.  
Harvey T. Grady, to First National Bank.  
Roy Adams et. al. to Harvey T. Grady.  
Guadalupe Maese, to State Bank of Morenci.  
Federico C. Marquez to State Bank of Morenci.  
Celia Peery to First National Bank.  
W. M. Zumwalt to First National Bank.  
T. M. Sanders to Duncan Mercantile Company.  
George Webster to Gila Valley Bank and Trust Company.  
Tom Edwards et. al. to Border National Bank.  
Louis Dean to Border Mortgage Company.  
**Satisfaction of Mortgages—**  
Peoples Bank and Trust Company to S. W. Massey, et. ux.  
Peoples Bank and Trust Company to S. W. Massey, et. ux.  
First National Bank to R. O. Barnes.  
Frank M. Hodges to R. O. Barnes.  
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State Bank of Morenci to Federico C. Marquez.  
State Bank of Morenci to Hortencia de Diaz.  
Alice E. Day to W. B. Miner, et. al.  
First National Bank to Sarah Carlton, et. al.  
**U. S. Mineral Patent—**  
United States of America to Eagle Gold and Copper Company.  
**Possessory Right Claim—**  
By Harry A. Day.

## IMPORTANT CHANGE IN INCOME TAXES

Important changes in income tax procedure directed by Commissioner David H. Blair are embodied in a Treasury Decision effective December 16th, which provides for the prompt adjustment of claims for refund and abatement of Federal taxes.

Heretofore when an overassessment or overpayment was disclosed by the audit of an income tax return, the taxpayers was invited to file a claim for the abatement of the overassessment or the refund of the overpayment. When received the claim was registered and filed away until reached in due course for consideration. Because of the large number of such claims filed, delay in adjustment necessarily resulted. After December 15th, taxpayers will not be advised of their privilege of filing a claim for the refund of taxes which have been paid in excess of amounts legally due, but instead will receive a certificate of overassessment and a check in correction of the error or if an assessment is outstanding against the taxpayer for income or excess profits tax, the overpayment will be applied as a credit against the assessment and the balance immediately refunded.

This will be of distinct financial advantage to both the taxpayer and the Government. It will do away with the necessity for the taxpayer filing a claim for refund and will greatly reduce the amount of work to be done by the Bureau in the adjustment of claims. Taxpayers may continue to file claims for abatement and refund, but it is expected that the number of such claims filed each month will be greatly reduced.

Efforts are being made by the Bureau to adjust within six months all claims now pending and thereafter to keep the work current. The Revenue Act of 1921 provides that under certain conditions interest shall be paid upon claims from the date of the payment of the tax to the date of the allowance of the claim. The new procedure should greatly reduce the amount of interest which the Government must of necessity pay upon claims for refund.

## Our Greetings In the Meaning of Christmas

IN THE true spirit of the occasion and with due appreciation of all it implies, we extend Christmas greetings to the readers of this publication. Christmas has a meaning possessed by no other holiday throughout the world. America has its national and special days, other countries have theirs; Christmas is the only one alike in spirit and celebrated in all Christian lands. So pure is its principle that it commands respect and admiration among people who worship their Creator in different ways from ours.

Christmas typifies all that is best in mankind. It is the culmination of the human mind throughout the ages dwelling upon the wonders and mysteries of existence, turning to a reverence for God and His representative on earth. It expresses the ascendancy of spirit, the realization of men of their interdependency and their duty to one another; and so it is marked by the bestowal of gifts and other sentiments of benevolence and well wishing.

The makers of newspapers, concerned as they are with the doings, manifestations and thoughts of their respective communities and the world at large, and recording them in their more important aspects for the information, mayhap the education of readers, are brought into an intimate sense of the spirit and meaning of Christmas. Would that we could express to you all the good that we see in the hearts of men and the increased brilliancy behind a few shadows of the light which has upheld the world for so many centuries. In the happy auguries we see for the future, there is every reason to be merry.

Our Yuletide thoughts go out to the people of this community and our thanks are due the patrons and kind friends who have given us practical support or extended encouragement during the year. May this be the best Christmas you have ever spent, is our wish to all.

THE PUBLISHERS

## News of Clifton

### WOMAN'S CLUB TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE—

The Clifton Woman's Club is planning to hold "Open House" on Monday, January 2nd, between the hours of 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. A pleasant afternoon is assured and everybody is most cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sturgeon and son arrived last week from Los Angeles, Calif., on a short holiday visit to Mr. and Mrs. James S. Crompton, parents of Mr. Sturgeon.

W. D. Tucker, prominent rancher and stockman of the Duncan country was a business visitor in Clifton several days of this week.

Claude Hester and J. J. Brown of York were Clifton business visitors on Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. I. T. Hall and two children of Douglas arrived in Clifton on Tuesday of this week and will spend the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Fehrman.

County Attorney, C. Hooker, was a business visitor on Tuesday of this week.

The following cattlemen are in town for the holiday season, B. B. Martin, Ole Hagan, Tommie Cosper, R. R. Miller, R. S. Johnson, George Balke, Mid Galtin, Clifton Cosper, Johnnie Cosper, Adam Slicer, George Hill, R. E. Maley, W. M. Zumwalt and Jesse Woodrow Wilson.

W. S. Stewart of Duncan, was a business visitor at the Court House on Wednesday.

Judge of the Superior Court, Frank B. Laine, left for Safford this morning to preside over the Superior court of Graham County in several cases in which Judge Chambers is disqualified.

Miss Wilma Stephens, and Richard Stephens, Jr., who are attending the University at Tucson, arrived in Clifton on Wednesday evening to spend

the holiday season with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stephens.

Harry A. Day and Roy Billingsley of Duncan, were Clifton business visitors on Tuesday.

County Assessor R. J. Coleman, is in Phoenix this week, where County Assessors from all the counties of the State are meeting with State Treasurer Raymond R. Earhart to consider a uniform system of assessing property for county taxes.

Carl Trischke, Consulting Mining Engineer of Globe, is in the District looking over several mining properties. He spent several days of this week examining the properties of the Eagle Gold and Copper Company.

H. E. Brubaker, County Auditor, spent Tuesday of this week in Duncan on business.

J. T. Aiton, as Administrator of the estate of Florence B. Burgess, deceased, was this week granted an order to sell the real estate belonging to the estate of said deceased, and his bond fixed in the sum of \$500.00 on said sale.

### SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS SELL HANDIWORK—

A nation wide scheme for the sale of articles made by sick and wounded soldiers through their own stores has been proposed to the American Legion Auxiliary by Mrs. Clarence R. Edwards, Boston, Mass., wife of the commander of the 26th Division, A. E. F. The plan will be discussed at a meeting of Auxiliary executives in Indianapolis January 18, 19 and 20.

In the plan, the handiwork of the disabled would be sold in principal towns and cities in stores established and operated along lines of women's exchanges. Women dependents of the disabled also would there dispose of their home products. The plan would make the disabled self supporting and not patronized by charity, its backers declared.

## OLD TIME RESIDENT TAKES OWN LIFE BY SHOOTING

C. W. Young, a former and old time resident of Clifton, shot and fatally wounded himself on Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock on Chase Creek, death resulting twenty-four hours later at the County Hospital.

Mr. Young who had been spending the past four or five months in Los Angeles, with his sons, returned to Clifton about a week prior to his death, attended to some business affairs and stated that he would leave for Oklahoma in a few days to visit his daughter. On Tuesday morning Mr. Young, accosted several of his friends for the loan of a pistol, stating that he intended to take a little trip into the hills and that he wanted the pistol to shoot at objects for pastime. After securing a gun from one of his friends he evidently went to his room and wrote the three letters found later. The letters being addressed to his son John, his daughter in Oklahoma and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Young of Clifton. Mr. Young, ever since the death of his wife several years ago has grieved continually and in the letters left stated that he could stand it no longer that he wished to be with his wife and also expressed the desire to be buried at her side.

The deceased is survived by his four sons, John and William, of Clifton, Richard and Albert of Los Angeles, and one daughter, Mrs. C. M. Harris of Oklahoma. Burial will take place at the Clifton cemetery on this afternoon.

## CLIFTON HI TRIMS GILA ACADEMY

The finest and most exciting game of Basket Ball ever played on the Clifton Court took place last Saturday night, when the Clifton Hi under the careful and untiring coaching of J. J. Spendt, subdued the Gila Academy to the tune of 35 to 28.

It had been the talk among the Clifton Boys and the people at large that the Gila Academy was the fastest team on the circuit and that they were beating every team they played with. Then to top everything off Gila played Morenci Friday night and beat them 23 to 23.

The preliminary game of the evening was between basketball men of the Gila Gymnasium class of the Clifton Hi which proved to be a very interesting game lasting 20 minutes.

Promptly at 7:45 the Gila team all of splendid physical appearance filed in and began the practice of throwing goals, hardly with a miss. Those watching began to feel that the Clifton Hi would have to do some playing if they won the game.

Coach Spendt's team made no showing as they practiced at throwing goals, and the Gila Boys it was noticed began to take on a look of supreme confidence at this juncture.

But a bomb was to soon explode in Gila's midst that would tear down the castle of championship that they had commenced building.

The game opened and Clifton Hi made first score.

A great many fouls was charged against both teams, but their playing as a whole was said to be the best ever seen in Clifton.

The first half resulted in a score of 11 to 13 in favor of Clifton Hi. During the rest the writer was told by one of the players, "we are going through one of the hardest fights we ever expect to make."

Toward the end of the second half the score stood Gila 25, Clifton 30, and things didn't look so encouraging for Clifton High.

At the end of the game the score was 35 to 28 in favor of Clifton. Glen Thomas, Gerald Smith, Mark Munson, Uel Nave and Carmel Telles, played for Clifton. Special mention should be made of Carmel Telles who made 18 of the 25 points made by Clifton.

The next game is between Morenci Hi and Clifton Hi at Morenci tonight Dec. 23.

### AMERICAN LEGION SELLING CHRISTMAS TREES—

U. S. army tanks of the type that waddled over the Hindenburg line and ex-soldiers who fought on the line combined in Duluth, Minn., to furnish Christmas trees for children of the city. The American Legion is supplying jobless ex-service men to do the cutting. Tanks and trucks haul them to a central location where the Legion is selling them, the proceeds going toward a merry Christmas for the unemployed and their dependents.

Miami—250 men put on since resumption of International smelter.

Gila—20 inches of silver ore running \$4,000 to ton opened in Richmond Basin property.

Douglas—500 soldiers arrive at Camp Harry J. Jones.

## FINAL PAYMENTS ARE MADE ON MOUNTAIN ROAD BY COUNTY

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors on last Monday the Clifton Springville Highway, recently completed by the contracting firm of Webster and Kerby, was accepted by the Board and final payment of \$13,210.57 made. Several months ago the contractors filed a demand with the Clerk of the Board in the sum of \$40,000.00 for extra work etc., which demand was not acted upon by the Board until the meeting on Monday. The Board at the time of filing the demand ordered the County Engineer to check up and submit a report on certain sections of the highway for which the contractors claimed that they were underpaid. Engineer Redd submitted a lengthy report to the Board covering the work on the disputed sections which was accepted by the Board and settlement was made on said report.

## IMPORTANT RULING FOR CATTLE MEN

Announcement has been made by the Arizona Cattle Growers' Association of further relief that will be granted in meritorious cases of those users of the National Forests who have been unable to pay their grazing fees on December 1st, the time limit heretofore set by congressional legislation. To many of the cattlemen of Arizona who have grazed their stock on the National Forests it has been impossible, in view of their deplorable condition from drought and lack of market, to pay the fees which were first due last April, and through the efforts of the Cattlemen's Association the time of payment was postponed twice, finally to December 1st. The first of December found many of them with a greater inability to meet this obligation, and the Association has been endeavoring either to have the time of payment again postponed or to avoid the penalties regularly enacted by reason of non-payment.

In telegraphic information just received from Senator Ashurst, it is stated that Senator Ashurst, Representative Hayden, Governor Thomas E. Campbell and Mr. Dwight B. Heard had an extended interview with the Secretary of Agriculture on this matter, pointing out that many honest industrious cattlemen in Arizona, through no fault of their own, were not in position to pay these fees at this time and unless the fees were extended, these men would be ruined.

Rather than enacting further legislation in this matter the Secretary of Agriculture has kindly issued instructions to the various Forest Supervisors, directing them to accept promissory notes from those permittees on the Forests who have been unable to pay the grazing fees. In all cases where the good faith of the permittee was evident.

The Arizona Cattle Growers' Association requests interested cattlemen to make tender of their notes to the Forest Supervisors, and failing to secure proper recognition to take the matter up with the Association's offices at Phoenix.

### CHRISTMAS GIFT FROM SCOTLAND—

Mr. James S. Crompton reports that he is in receipt of \$100.00 contributed by Mr. and Mrs. James Colquhoun, of Scotland, as a Christmas gift to the children of the Clifton public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Colquhoun have contributed similar gifts to the Clifton public schools every Christmas during the past fourteen years with but one exception during the height of the world war. Mr. and Mrs. Colquhoun also contributed an additional \$100.00 this year for the assistance of any oldtimer in Clifton, Morenci or Metcalf who may be in need.

### WIPING OUT WASTE

The railroad labor board is seeing the light and by its decision of Nov. 30 has removed \$50,000,000 from railroad overhead by revising so-called working agreements which have been causing the railroads to waste money under such iniquitous rules as the following.

Machinists were forbidden to touch anything but repairs. They could not disconnect wiring. This had to be done by electricians. They could not touch pipe connections because this was the work of sheet metal workers only.

Unskilled laborers could not dismantle freight cars. This was the work of carmen. No employee could touch an engine grate except a boiler maker.

Such rules and regulations have robbed the American people of millions of dollars as a result of wartime wage and working agreements. It is stated that \$50,000,000 a year will be saved the railroads by this latest ruling under which four men can do the work which before required the services of ten.